

Top security measures for Arab strike

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With security forces on the alert in Galilee, the eastern Sharon and the administered areas, the deadline for the Arab general strike in protest against land expropriation, approaches this morning.

Government sources, who have been closely following developments in the Arab sector for the past two weeks, said last night they believed the focal points of today's strike will be in Nazareth, Umm el-Fahm and Sufaram. It is believed that the strike will be less pronounced in the Negev and the "Little Triangle" (eastern Sharon).

A harbinger of what might happen occurred yesterday evening in Central Galilee, where some 400 school pupils clashed with police after setting up a roadblock on the road between Dik Hana and Arara. Police who arrived at the scene were greeted with a barrage of stones and two constables were slightly injured. Reinforcements were called up and finally dispersed the crowd after firing warning shots in the air.

During the disturbance, the head of the Arara local council rushed to the scene and appealed to the pupils over a megaphone to disperse.

Large forces of regular and Border Police are on hand to deal firmly with any attempts at disturbing the peace, police officials said. They explained that "disturbing the peace" includes browbeating businessmen to close their shops, forcibly keeping children home from school, preventing Arab workers from traveling to their jobs, and illegal demonstrations.

Meanwhile, the Arab sector was again subjected yesterday to a high pressure campaign by leftist extremists who have been facing stiffening opposition by moderate elements. In Nazareth, school girls yesterday afternoon distributed leaflets urging the population to join the strike. But the local council of the largely Christian village of Gush Halav, in Central Galilee, has voted not to take part in the strike. "This strike is a Rakah show and we want no part of it," asserted the local Histadrut secretary, Hanna Ailam.

"Titt" reports from Nazareth that many local merchants and pupils have conducted privately that most of the city will go on strike not because they believe in it, but "to avoid problems."

In Sufaram — where an overwhelming majority of the Arab ma-

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Costa Rica President: 'Israel is our home'

President Daniel Oduber Quirós of Costa Rica yesterday began a three-day state visit to Israel after participating in the traditional bread-and-salt offering at the entrance to Jerusalem.

Arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport at midday, the President and his party were greeted by President Katsir, Cabinet Ministers, the Knesset Speaker and other prominent public figures. Escorted to the reception stand, President Oduber inspected an honour guard of army officer cadets, as the IDF band played the national anthems of both countries and a 21-gun salute was fired. "Israel is our home," President Oduber declared. "There are many bonds uniting us with this country and this people. For me, and my party, coming to this country signifies a return to the main sources of our most important values and culture."

In his welcoming remarks, President Katsir said he was sure that Mr. Oduber, in his brief visit here, would "sense the deep gratitude of

K urges Hercules sales

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was yesterday told that a Congressional veto of the Administration's proposed sale of six C-130 military transport planes to Egypt would be considered "a slap in the face of Sadat," coming as it would so soon after the Egyptian President cut off his military ties with the Soviet Union.

Testifying before the House International Relations Committee, the Secretary said that such a Congressional decision "would be a matter of the utmost gravity that would have serious consequences for the Middle East."

Resolutions of disapproval against the transport sale are being introduced in the House and Senate this week following the Administration's

Schindler warning on American policy

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The U.S. Administration's policy of seeking to promote U.S. technology among the Arab countries and winning the Arabs away from Soviet influence could affect its continued support of Israel.

That warning was sounded by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the new chairman of the Conference of Major American

Jewish Organizations, in an interview with The Jerusalem Post yesterday. The Reform rabbi was invited here by the Rabin Government for four days of conferences with officials, labour and business leaders and representatives of the Jewish Agency and of kibbutzim.

Rabbi Schindler said that American Middle East policy would probably continue, even if President Ford is not re-elected in November

and a Democrat moves in. "It is a policy aimed at splitting the radicals and moderates among the Arabs and of bringing their countries closer to the U.S." At the same time, he said, the U.S. maintains strong moral support for Israel. "It is a successful policy for the U.S., but not always for Israel; the interests of the two countries are not always in congruence."

The 51-year-old president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, an articulate and astute observer of the international scene, asserted that Israel, especially its press, "over-reacted to the speech by U.S. Ambassador William Scranton at the UN last week."

"The context, rather than the content of the speech, perturbed

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Leftist gunmen prowled through ruins of Beirut's luxury hotel area yesterday after blasting Christian forces from the Hilton Hotel. (UPI telephoto)

U.S. again warns on intervention

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The U.S. yesterday warned Syria and Israel against military intervention in Lebanon.

The State Department said: "We believe that military intervention by any outside power contains great dangers and must be avoided."

Department spokesman Robert Furech told reporters: "Syria and Israel are two of the powers we have in mind."

State Department officials said the statement was not prompted by the proposal of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for a pan-Arab force to bring order to Lebanon. They said the U.S. does not consider Sadat's proposal has a realistic chance of being translated into action.

Defence officials said yesterday that the U.S. Sixth Fleet is prepared to evacuate Americans from Lebanon, if it becomes necessary, but such an operation does not appear to be imminent.

Testifying before the House International Relations Committee, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger yesterday praised Syria's current activities in Lebanon, which he claimed, "have been on the whole, helpful."

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Defence Minister Shimon Peres last night warned the Alignment that it could destroy itself and weaken the national will irreparably if it continued with mutual recriminations within its midst on such sensitive issues as the West Bank unrest and the Galilee land expropriations. He urged the party to "conduct its debates according to different rules" where the West Bank was concerned.

He was speaking at the latest session of the marathon debate on end-of-state-of-war held by the Alignment Knesset faction and the leadership of Labour and Mapam, in the Knesset building.

Peres gave the meeting background to the decision to expel Dr. Ahmad and Natshe to Lebanon but insisted it be off the record.

He demanded that Alignment MKs demonstrate "the minimum of faith" in the Government's decision to expel the two inciters. He rebuked party members who regularly blamed their own leaders but never "criticized what the other side does."

"Why does the same camp, practicing selective criticism, always cry injustice when it comes to Jewish settlement, while forgetting the hundreds of Arab houses built illegally in Galilee in places like IDF training areas?" Peres asked. Turning to Premier Rabin, Peres said: "You remember that when you were O/C Northern Command, Yitzhak, don't you? We hesitated to demolish even one single illegal Arab house."

Rabin: "That is a fact."

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon yesterday defended the Government's policies against critics both in and outside the coalition, saying it had "a dynamic peace policy."

The Government had also withstood "friendly pressures" by the U.S. more than any previous government, and had implemented some important and far-reaching decisions, he said.

Allon said the Government had a clear policy on settlements, which it does not intend to alter under

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Moslems turn back to Syria

Beirut leftists step up assault on Christians

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Defying a Syrian attempt to negotiate a truce in Lebanon, left-wing forces last night pressed ahead with their offensive against Christian strongholds and overran new positions in Beirut and other areas of Lebanon. The leftists have stepped up their assault to consolidate their power as their Moslem supporters appeared to be turning back to Syria for mediation.

Rashid Karami, a leading Moslem figure who is still Premier in name alone, yesterday joined Christian leaders in calling for prompt implementation of a new Syrian peace formula. The Syrian initiative calls for a cease-fire and political reforms, including dividing the country's administration equally between Christians and Moslems, and the replacement of President Suleiman Franjeh, "constitutionally."

The leftists yesterday reported their promise to oust President Franjeh and to establish a political secular regime which would rescind Lebanon's traditional religious division of the administration.

Leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt charged yesterday that the Syrians were far from being well acquainted with Lebanese affairs. Jumblatt said the left was in disagreement with the Syrians over a number of issues.

Over the weekend Jumblatt walked out of talks with Syrian President Hafes Assad in Damascus, announcing that if the Syrians want to talk with him, they will have to

come to see him in Bikfaya — (the home town of Christian Phalangist leader Pierre Gemayyel, which the leftists have pledged to capture in their current offensive).

Evidently backed by the Palestine Liberation Organization and radicals opposed to the Ba'ath party wing ruling in Damascus, the leftists yesterday laid siege to Christian enclaves in Beirut and in the northern hometown of President Franjeh, Zagharta.

The leftists were also reported to have been assisted by rebel army tanks in mounting an assault on the port town of Jounieh, to which President Franjeh fled last week after leaving his shattered fortress palace in Ba'abda, east of Beirut.

Beirut reports indicated that an average of 100 persons are being killed every day in the Lebanese civil war, now almost a year old.

While promising to put an end to the fighting, Damascus yesterday accused Egypt of trying to foil Syria's mediation efforts, in order to serve Cairo's own ends. In a radio broadcast, Damascus also rejected Egypt's attempts at "casting doubts on Syria's role in Lebanon."

The Damascus remarks were made after Syria rejected an Egyptian call to Arab states to send a joint Arab force to Lebanon to restore peace. The Cairo-based Arab League yesterday said that the Egyptian call has been formally communicated to all Arab governments.

The Syrians made clear that they were determined to handle the Lebanese crisis on their own, although they did not say how they planned to tackle their confrontation with the left.

Sadat wants Bonn to be M.E. guarantor

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat arrived in Bonn yesterday for the start of a five-day state visit during which he hopes to win West German agreement to play an active role as a guarantee power in a future Middle East peace settlement.

The Egyptian leader was given a 21-gun salute and a red carpet welcome at Bonn airport, where he was met by West German President Walter Scheel, Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher and several other Bonn cabinet members.

The two presidents flew by helicopter to Bonn, where they dined in Scheel's official residence. Sadat's first day here was largely devoted to ceremonial functions. The major political talks began today when Sadat confers with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

In an interview published yesterday in Germany's best-known news magazine, "Der Spiegel," Sadat said he would discuss with Schmidt what he called the need for a great German role in the Middle East.

The Egyptian leader wants Western Europe, specifically France, Britain and West Germany, to co-guarantee a settlement along with the

U.S. and Russia.

Asked why he wants Bonn's participation, he answered: "Because it (Bonn) is a political and economic power. Guarantees will be given to both sides, to the Arabs and the Israelis. And if these guarantees include UN troops on the borders, well, why not German soldiers too?"

So far, the Germans have been vague about what kind of role they would be willing to play in an Arab-Israeli peace, saying only that it should be part of a joint endeavour by the nine-nation European Economic Community.

Sadat is expected to ask Schmidt for additional economic aid to help Egypt overcome its massive debt and balance of payments burdens, and also for weapons. Cairo is urgently interested in buying arms from Western Europe to help fill the gap created by Egypt's rift with the Soviets.

However, German Democrats have virtually ruled out the possibility of German arms shipments to Egypt in view of Bonn's policy of not sending arms to "areas of tension."

After his stay in West Germany, Sadat will visit France, Italy, Austria and Yugoslavia.

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Ashdod rolls out red carpet for its olim

By YITZHAR OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — A group of veteran Ashdod residents are participating in an experiment which they hope will revolutionize the whole concept of aliyah. They are "adopting" families overseas who are planning to immigrate here and helping them organize themselves into "city settlement" groups.

The Ashdod group makes contact with the families by means of overseas aliyah emissaries and helps them plan their aliyah from the initial stages through the time they settle here and have to cope with the mazes of Israeli bureaucracy.

The first such group — 14 families from France — have already been absorbed in Ashdod and after one year not a single one has decided to go back.

Members of a second group from

France are now touring the country and Ashdod, where they also plan to settle. Yesterday the potential immigrants were given a red carpet treatment at Ashdod Town Hall, which included a tour of the town and a cocktail party for the group given by Mayor Zvi Zilkner.

The new group contains 37 families and a number of bachelors. Their professions include supermarket managers, barbers, telecommunication, technicians and university professors.

During their current stay in Ashdod, group members will visit the site of their future homes, now under construction, and the urban area which they will be learning Hebrew.

After this group arrives late this summer, the Ashdodians plan to start organizing their third group — this time from Argentina.

Customs-free Mexican trade is suggested

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

COMMERCE and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev yesterday suggested mutually removing customs on selected products in trade between Israel and Mexico.

The suggestion was made to a delegation of Mexican industrialists in Jerusalem. Bar-Lev also raised the possibility of cooperation in the chemicals industry, in irrigation projects and in producing the Arava aircraft.

The Mexicans have expressed keen interest in the Arava as well as in irrigation projects which are needed to overcome water shortages in their country.

The proposal was also made that both countries make better use of the two free trade areas to which they belong, the Common Market and the Latin American market.

Other fields of mutual cooperation mentioned were metals and electronics, food production and storage, and the marketing of export products. A delegation of Israeli industrialists will visit Mexico in May this year when there will be an exhibition of Israeli products in Mexico City.



Y'ACOB NICOLA el-Ali, second from left, yesterday filed his candidacy for the Bethlehem municipal elections to be held in Judea and Samaria on April 12. Seated with him are election committee members Andrea Abdullah Khamasha, left, and Johnny el-A'ma. Incumbent Mayor Elias Freij, who as yet hasn't filed, is standing. A total of 176 candidates registered yesterday in 17 of the 24 towns where elections are to be held. So far there are no candidates in Nablus, Jenin, Tul-karm, Ramallah and el-Bireh. It was in or near some of these towns that there were minor disturbances yesterday. Deadline for nominations is 6 p.m. tomorrow. (Barclay)

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First aid station built by British friends dedicated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Michael Sobel first aid station built by the Friends of Magen David Adom in Great Britain was dedicated yesterday.

The 11,500 sq. ft. station, in Rehov Al-kalay, will open in July. It will be the nerve centre for MDA installations serving more than half a million persons. The present Rehov Mazaeh station will continue to serve the downtown area.

Among speakers at the dedication were Minister of Health Victor Shemtov; British Ambassador Anthony Elliot; Michael Barr, chairman of executive committee MDA; Tel Aviv-Jaffa; Dr. Joseph Kott, president of MDA; Prof. Moshe Many, chairman of its executive committee and Harry Beckerman, chairman of the Friends of MDA in Britain.

Bar-Ilan tackles budget crisis

RAMAT GAN. — An emergency committee headed by Dr. Zerach Warhaftig MK has been set up at Bar-Ilan University to deal with its current budget crisis.

The crisis has arisen from the government decision to increase its support by five per cent only. Government assistance will amount to IL98.3m. in a total budget of IL154.4m. The university claims that a minimum of IL155m. is necessary if it is to continue functioning.

University officials charge that the institution is discriminated against in comparison to allocations to other universities and that no further cuts in its expenditures can be made. Every loss in its allotment, they say, will result in the loss of work by academic personnel.

H.U. Board

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hebrew University's Board of Governors opens officially tonight at a meeting attended by President Ephraim Katzir and addressed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Earlier in the day the Governors will be addressed by Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur. Nearly one hundred Governors from abroad are here for the meeting, which will largely deal with budgetary difficulties facing the university.

Arab strike threat

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yours last Thursday voted not to take part in the strike — more arrests were expected today in the wake of the violent demonstration held by youths outside the local council offices. Five more persons were detained on Sunday night, in addition to those arrested on Thursday.

In Safed, Mayor Aharon Nahmias yesterday injected a new element in the issue of land expropriation, saying that Jewish landowners who will lose their land to the government will get financial compensation only while some Arab landowners will get alternative land. "They (the Jewish landowners) have owned their land for a very long time," he said. "Why should only the Arab owners get other land instead?"

The Arab-Jewish Friendship So-

cietly in Haifa and Western Galilee held an executive meeting in the Knesset yesterday and issued a call to the entire Arab community to ignore the New Communist incitement to strike today.

The executive meeting said that the Society favoured those expropriations of land which were essential, and which would enhance the prosperity of Arabs and Jews alike. The landowners concerned should be given either alternative plots, or fair cash compensation, the executive said. But strikes would only worsen the situation, they said.

Salim Jubran of the Haifa Labour Council, who is chairman of the Society, headed the meeting, which was attended by the three MKs on the executive: David Koren and Adi Yaffe (Alignment) and Amnon Linn (Likud).

Levin urges 'polytechnic teacher training' TO ATTRACT MORE MEN

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE SECRETARY OF THE Teachers Union, Shalom Levin, MK, yesterday advocated the introduction of "polytechnic teacher training," a framework initiated in England several years ago. The polytechnic seminar, he told the press, offers teacher training along with courses in, say, accounting and engineering. The object is to make it easier for young men to choose teaching as their life work. Aware of the fact that they may not be ready to make this decision at the age of 20 or 21, the polytechnic enables them to learn another profession, allowing them to make their final choice later on.

Levin thinks the idea is worth trying here, where about 80 per cent of elementary school teachers are women.

He also suggested some innovations that might enable the educational system to withstand the effects of budget cuts.

With no money available to build new comprehensive schools, Levin says that "comprehensive education" should be introduced. By this he means achieving the variety of streams offered in comprehensive schools by a more imaginative use of existing school facilities.

Thus, a high school in a deprived area could cut down to 20 the hours spent on purely academic subjects, with the other 20 hours being used to teach the pupils carpentry at another school that has workshop facilities.

Pupils from grade 10 and up could also spend half of their school hours working in local industry. This would save many pupils who might otherwise drop out of school because grade 10 is not compulsory (or free), by inducing them to learn a trade while continuing within an educational framework, Levin thinks.

His emphasis is on flexibility and the more skillful use of existing facilities.

IN THE KNESSET Alignment unrest over expulsions

THE EXPULSION of the two West Bank leftists on Saturday, for incitement, caused a furore in the Alignment executive yesterday, after it emerged that six motions for the agenda requested by six different factions had not been granted urgency in the Knesset presidency.

The motions had been requested by Yosef Sarid (Alignment), Shimon Ailon (CRM), Marcia Friedman (IS), Meir Pe'il (Moledet), Ben-yamin Halevi (Ind.) and Meir Wilner (New Communists).

Sarid said in his request that the way the two Arabs had been expelled to Lebanon would only help the prospects of those municipal election candidates hostile to Israel. The Knesset should also condemn the "offence given to the judiciary," he said.

When the Alignment faction executive met yesterday shortly after the Presidium refused to accord urgency to the six requests, Labour's Zvi Gershuni said he could not understand how the Knesset could ignore a topic which "kept the whole country a-stir" and which was of concern to international opinion as well. Gershuni said the Government gave the impression that it shrinks from a debate.

Chelka Grossman (Mapam) said that apparently there was some breakdown of communication during the expulsion process, and it was not carried out in a proper administrative and judicial manner. Yehuda Yadin (Mapam) said the

issue was weighty enough to merit a report to the Knesset from the Ministers involved.

Ari Ankorian (Labour) said he had full confidence in the committee of Ministers which decided on the expulsions. However, if the two leftists were a security hazard, why were they not expelled earlier — instead of on the eve of the elections. Nor was it clear why they were expelled 15 minutes before the hearing. Ankorian proposed that the Defence Minister be asked to reply to a parliamentary question this week on the matter.

Faction chairman Moshe Wertzman said that motions for the agenda were an oppositionist tool. The Presidium had been persuaded by the Government for good reasons, it must be assumed. However, Wertzman conceded, the faction had every right to seek information, and he hoped it would be possible to obtain it at a faction caucus soon, from the Ministers of Defence and Justice. Wertzman was supported in this proposal by Justice Minister Haim Zadok who was present.

The only faction executive man who said there was no need for an urgent debate on the expulsions was David Koren of Labour's ex-Rafi wing. He said the debate would only heighten tensions so close to the municipal elections. He said the Knesset privately that in his opinion, the sequence of events in the expulsion process was far from clear.

Hammer to tackle danger of idle youth

SOCIAL WELFARE Minister Zvi Hammar yesterday branded as "social dynamite in-the-making" the large number of boys and girls who roam the streets, neither working nor studying.

Speaking of his Ministry's activities in the coming year, Hammar told the Knesset there are 15,000 persons aged 14 to 18 "who are causing us deep concern... by having formed into street gangs, and who constitute potential social dynamite in our cities, towns and villages."

One of the aims of the Social Welfare Ministry this year will be to prevent these youth from joining the criminal underworld, he said.

Other areas of special interest this year will be:

- Improving institutional services to handicapped children, including placement of an estimated 1,200 such children.
- A crackdown on unlicensed old-age homes and stricter enforcement of the law vis-a-vis all homes, in view of reports that many oldsters have become victims of negligence.
- Expansion of the Voluntary Service Agency, an arm of the Ministry recently established, "because the problem of social deprivation cannot be solved by the establishment itself, but only with the help of concerned citizens of all social strata."

Labour force stagnant

By AARON SITNER

INCREASED RESERVE duty requirements, the alarming increase in emigration and the sharp decline in immigration were cited yesterday as the decisive factors in keeping the size of the civilian labour force almost static since the Yom Kippur War.

Reviewing work affairs during 1975, Labour Minister Moshe Baran told the Knesset: "The average number of workers on the job last year was 1,102,800 — hardly greater than in 1973, before the war. In fact, the working-age population grew by a mere 8,000 each in the first and second quarters of 1975, compared with an average quarterly

increase of 14,000 in 1974 and 19,000 in 1973. This is very disturbing indeed."

Mr. Baran said, "I feel it my duty to reject the oft-heard theory that the reduction in immigration last year helped us avoid wide unemployment. I do not agree. The fact is that immigration creates jobs by expanding purchasing power."

The Minister also had some disappointing news regarding the drive to get more men into industry. Citing figures for the past five years, he reported that while 14,000 workers had abandoned the farms jobs, 26,000 more had taken jobs in banks and insurance companies, and an additional 68,000 workers joined the public services employment rolls.

SUSPECTS with a previous criminal record, who are detained anew on fresh charges, would not be freed on bail until their trial is over, under a private member's Bill tabled yesterday by Shlomo Gross (Aguda). Gross, who noted that most crimes are committed by recidivists, suggested that this new limitation on bail hold for three years after the suspect completes his last sentence.

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Social and Personal

The Ambassador of Chile, Samuel D. Gleiser, yesterday called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, upon the completion of his tour of duty in Israel.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Rabin yesterday entertained at their home a delegation of 38 American industrialists, who are visiting Israel as guests of Israel Bonds.

A delegation from Saint-Amand-les-Eaux, twin city of Dimona, headed by their mayor, Maurice Hugo, yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

The Canadian Ambassador, Edward Graham, yesterday called on Haifa Mayor Yerubham Zeisel.

The United Jewish Appeal Los Angeles Mission, led by Joseph Sney, met last night with Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

Prof. Moshe Arens, MK is to lecture in English on "The Likud — In Opposition" at 8 this evening at the Hebrew University Forum, at the United Synagogue, 2 Rehov Agon, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Victor M. Carter, chairman of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, for the Eighth Annual Meeting, with Mrs. Carter, will also participate in meetings of the Board of Directors of Chai (Israel) Ltd., and the Israel Discount Bank Holding Corp. Ltd., as well as in meetings of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

Leaders Magi of Australia, and Frank R. Lautenberg, Melvin Dubinsky, Irving Kessler, Maurice Soukatein, and Harold Goldberg, all of U.S., to attend meetings of Board of Governors of Jewish Agency.

DEPARTURES

Yitzhak Matza, managing director, Mitrovich Ltd., to Greece.
Rafi Ben-Yosef, managing director, Arava Ltd., to U.S.
Abbas Eban, MK, for the U.S. on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds.

Dulzin's father an oleh

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Jewish Agency Treasurer Arye Dulzin came to the airport yesterday to receive a new immigrant — his father.

Moshe Dulzin, 84, was one of the founders and a former president of the Mizrahi movement in Mexico. He plans to settle in Jerusalem.

With deep regret, we announce the sudden death of our dear husband, father, grandfather, and brother

Dr. Kurt Ya'acov Ball-Kaduri
formerly of Berlin

The funeral will leave at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, March 31, 1976, from the Municipal Funeral Parlour 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv for the Holon Cemetery.

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- His son, Gad Kaduri, Heidelberg
- His son and daughter-in-law, Meir and Rahel Kaduri
- His sister, Dr. Erna Ball
- His brother, Dr. Fritz Ball, New York
- His grandsons and grand-daughters

THE MEMBERS OF MOSHAV Kfar DANIEL deeply mourn the loss of

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beloved husband and father.

הכאמן האדור

Three Likud factions to form La'am today

By SHAY SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

VIV. — The founding session of the La'am movement will be held at a meeting of the central committee of the State of Israel Movement. The party's first national convention will be held before the end of the year, the press was told yesterday.

"We are open to anybody with a Zionist outlook, including members of the Labour Party," said Shami, one of the sponsors of the movement. "We are forming the La'am faction as a new movement, not as a merger of the Labour Party and the Likud."

Asked for his choice for premier, Shami said, "There are several possibilities, but

I do not rule out Begin, on the basis of the experience of the past two years."

Eilat Hurwitz, of the State List, said La'am intends to break down all barriers within the Likud. Asked if he would include Shmuel Tamir, of the Free Centre, of whom he had been critical in the past, Hurwitz said: "We welcome anybody who agrees with our platform and wants to co-operate." But Eliezer Shostak, of the Independent Centre, added: "Those who would not accept a united Likud might leave" — an apparent hint to the Liberals, whose ranks prevented a move towards unity in the Likud so far.

With reference to Arieh Sharon, all La'am spokesmen said he should "take a honorable place among Likud's leaders, not as a representative of a member party (he was Liberal when the Likud was formed), but on his own merit."

Zohar Shoval, of the State List, said the united central committee will have 300 members. There will be 700 keymen of the merging parties participating in today's opening session.



THIS CLAY statuette of a woman, dating from the Chalcolithic age (fourth millennium B.C.E.) was recently discovered during a dig at Gilat, a moashav in the northern Negev, by the Department of Antiquities. The woman is 30 cm. high, and is shown seated on a pedestal and holding a chalice on her head. The statuette is both a religious and a work of art. It will be on exhibition at the Israel Museum during the month of April, together with the statuette of a man found in the same dig.

El Al expects best week in history before Pessah

By ZEEV SCHUL

JERUSALEM AIRPORT. — El Al expects to break all local traffic records with a peak 16,000 passengers booked for the week preceding Pessah (April 8-14), the company spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. If it materializes, it will be the best week in El Al history. The total includes 4,300 trans-Atlantic passengers.

The record for the first three months of this year is also impressive when compared with last year's. Although Pessah came in March last year, this year's total is already 12 per cent over a year ago. April bookings (42,000) are 88 per cent ahead of last year's figures.

Since El Al carries approximately half the air traffic to Israel, it may be assumed, on a rule of thumb basis, that the total pre-Pessah week traffic will be between 32,000-35,000

passengers and that the total incoming April traffic will be about 85,000.

El Al sources pointed out that this increase is ahead of any implementation of charter flights (other than the one-a-week flights from Scandinavia). It is attributed to intensive promotion campaigns primarily by El Al, and to brighter economic conditions in Western countries coupled with a drop of traffic to Spain, Portugal, Lebanon, North Africa and other politically insecure areas.

El Al expects to cope with most of the traffic unaided — except for the last two days preceding Pessah when bookings are exceptionally heavy. The company has made reservations with other international carriers for the "overflow."

El Al will introduce its new convertible (cargo-passenger) jumbo in time for the peak pre-Pessah traffic.



Alexander Schindler converses with the Prime Minister in Jerusalem yesterday.

Schindler reports

(Continued from page one)

us." The fact that it was Schindler's maiden speech at the UN, that PLO representatives were present along with Israelis in the same room and that U.S. Hercules transport planes are being discussed for sale to Egypt all made Schindler's message sound more terrible, the rabbi noted. But Schindler's declarations about the "legality" of Jewish settlement in the territories did not mean a change in U.S. policy.

The Schindler speech was read carefully and approved beforehand by Secretary of State Kissinger, said Rabbi Schindler, and "no one can blame Schindler for all of it." The U.S. ambassador to the UN was quite "uncomfortable" about making the speech on his maiden appearance at the UN.

Rabbi Schindler dismissed reports that Kissinger's influence in U.S. foreign policy is diminishing. "The press has attacked him in the U.S. and Israel, but he has gathered support in recent trips to Middle America." He added that "it's folly for Jews here and in America to attack him so, and I have certain suspicions that he doesn't deserve it."

The Presidents Conference, the umbrella organization of 32 Amer-

ican organizations, has no intention of coming out in favour of any candidate for the presidency.

Rabbi Schindler, who said after his election in January that he would not adhere to all Israel Government policies, met yesterday with the Prime Minister for over an hour, during which they discussed American politics, the Jewish community and international relations.

He also met with the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, and sat in on the regular World Zionist Executive meeting.

Rabbi Schindler told The Post that he hoped to make the meetings of the Presidents Conference "more deliberative, rather than reactive" to emergencies and to bring in representatives of other Jewish organizations on a consultative basis. In addition to articulating American Jewish viewpoints ("I told some of the officials here a few things they didn't expect to hear," he said) he came to listen.

His main aim as chairman of the Conference is something he doesn't expect to attain himself. "I want to start a real dialogue between American and Israeli Jewry," so that they realize that what affects one affects the other," he concluded.

Timna to close down tomorrow; accord reached on severance pay

By SHEILA MELTZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ELIAT. — The Timna copper mines will cease production entirely tomorrow. This was announced here yesterday afternoon by the company's managing director, Uri Wurtzberger, after the successful conclusion of an arduous 30-hour negotiating session with the works committees, their legal advisers and representatives of the Histadrut.

The Government decided last January to close down the mines, in view of the expected loss of IL250m. in the next three years due to plunging world copper prices. But closure of the mines was postponed when the workers rejected the standard rate of severance pay — a month's pay for each year's work.

The agreement on severance pay concluded here yesterday is as follows: Workers employed at Timna between one and two years will receive 120 per cent of their last salary. Workers with over three years' seniority will receive 200 per cent. Those with seven to 12 years' seniority will receive an additional

grant of 25 per cent of their severance pay; and those with over 13 years' seniority will get an additional grant of 37.5 per cent of their severance pay.

Most of the mine's 700 workers, other than those engaged in closing down the plant and maintenance of equipment, will cease work on April 1 (tomorrow). But all workers will receive salaries in lieu of notice until June 30. This will give the men time to look for alternative jobs in Eliat before the end of the school year, an important factor for family men. In the meantime, Baruch Haklai, deputy director of the Labour Ministry, will continue with a special team to interview the men and try to find them suitable jobs in Eliat.

Workers over 60 will be given early retirement, as will those who are disabled or found to be unfit for other jobs by a special medical team which will check these cases. In addition, a special state committee, also headed by Mr. Haklai and in cooperation with the works committee representatives, will be set up to deal with special problem cases.

Meir Tubul, spokesman for the

works committees, expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the protracted negotiation and had special praise for the efforts of Mr. Haklai, with whom he said the workers would cooperate fully.

But the main crisis in Eliat, he added, would come at the beginning of July when families who have not found alternative solutions would be forced to leave Eliat.

Timna Copper Mines Ltd. will continue to exist as a company but an additional company will be formed to handle such jobs as the building of underground oil stores, the contracts for which should be awarded within the next few days. Another job Timna hopes to get for its new company is that of the earth moving work for Eliat's international airport, which is expected to start in mid-April.

Some 70 to 80 men are expected to be employed in these projects, and it is hoped to keep them as the nucleus in Eliat for the re-functioning of the mines in the case of a sharp rise in world prices. One other plant connected with Timna, the Zion cable plant, which will employ 42 men, will start operations here in August.

PROFILE

'Any money I can spend here, I don't spend elsewhere'

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PHILADELPHIA INDUSTRIALIST and philanthropist, Dalck Feith is a former European Jew who escaped the Holocaust, went to sea, made good in America, and now shares the fruits of his success with fellow Jews and with Israel.

"I'm chauvinistic about Israel, and I am proud of what I can do for others," Feith told The Jerusalem Post. He is in Jerusalem with his wife, Rose, for the annual Board of Governors meeting of the Hebrew University and to dedicate a building for its Institute of Life Sciences.

"I'm a good American, but as a Jew I'm aware that we must always rely on ourselves. After Hitler it would have been easy to become cynical, but cynicism weakens a man. We live in a unique era — I would not want to live in any other," he declared.

Dalck Feith was born in Austria in 1915 into a family with nine children. In 1938, when studying engineering at the polytechnic in Koenigsberg, East Prussia, the Gestapo arrested him for his activities in the Betar movement and kept him in solitary confinement for eight months. Released from solitary, he later escaped and reached France via Poland. He shipped out as an engineer on a French ship, after the fall of France, he went to Liverpool on one of the last ships leaving the port of Brest.

In England he sailed with the merchant navy until 1941 when he went to the U.S., where he joined the U.S. merchant marine. During the next five years he reached the rank of first engineer, "led supply, troop and ammunition ships, was torpedoed twice and bombed once. He lost his first ship, a U-boat torpedoed in Guantanamo Bay, 150 miles off the coast of Cuba — he was among the 36 men saved. In 1942 he was among 22 of 46 crew members rescued when their ship was sunk in the North Atlantic.

Returned to the U.S., Feith shipped out again to England, Africa and later to the Pacific, until he was discharged in San Francisco in October 1945. The following year he married Rose, a native of New Jersey. They had met at the Groeningers' resort in the Catskills during a shore leave.

The Feiths settled in Philadelphia. With some of his navy savings, he began manufacturing metal stampings for the electronics industry and, since that early beginning, he has never looked back. By 1967 he was



Dalck and Rose Feith of Philadelphia.

a multi-millionaire. His Jerrold Electronics, Dalco Manufacturing and other firms were employing thousands and registered on the stock market. "My enterprises succeeded from the start. I do business by intuition and by impulse, but you need perseverance," he said.

On 1967 and during the Six Day War, Feith was the second-biggest UJA contributor in Philadelphia. He was Israel Bonds chairman in 1972, is head of the Friends of the Hebrew University in his city and is active in innumerable other charities. "I believe in dispersal," he stated.

His motive for Israel is (Tourism Ministry, please note) "Any money I can spend in Israel I don't spend elsewhere." This is his 22nd trip here.

At home Feith spends more than half of his time on fund raising and community affairs. "I belong to two country clubs, one for my customers and the other to extract big contributions out of my friends. You have to be in the right places where the money is," he reported — without a trace of cynicism.

Feith thinks that economics is the lifeblood of Israel and that the country can't depend forever on the U.S. "Things can change in the U.S.," he cautioned. He has no illusions about the economic climate here and became quite animated

when he recalled how his attempt with a group of friends 15 years ago to set up an RCA-type electronics industry here was frustrated by Histadrut bureaucracy.

The Feith's oldest son, Donald, 27, is president of a large chemical plant in Philadelphia. He is in Haifa now investigating the possibilities of opening a factory. "I'm against my son putting up a plant here," the father said. "I'm afraid that if he fails the experience will sour him on Israel, and that would be a tragedy for me."

Rose and Dalck Feith have two other children, Debbie, 23, a psychologist, and Douglas, 22, a Harvard law student. "All three of them love Israel," their father said proudly.

Asked about the Arab boycott, Feith said that it did not affect his business but that he pulled his money out of a Philadelphia bank which knuckled under to it.

Feith said in Yiddish that it "gave him a shock" — irked him — every time Israeli yordim (immigrants) applied at one of his factories for a job. "It's mostly the educated that leave Israel. It's a paradox that here we're giving for education and thereby facilitating their emigration," he said. "But in the end, I give them a job just the same."

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TAXI FARES UP TODAY

TEL AVIV. — Taxi fares (both short and private) are going up today by about 18 per cent. The Tel Aviv-Jerusalem run will cost IL13.50 from IL11.40; Jerusalem-Haifa IL26 (instead of IL21.90); Jerusalem-Bethsheva IL18 (IL15); Tel Aviv-Haifa IL15.30 (IL12.75); and Tel Aviv-Asdod IL7 (IL6).

A private taxi fare will be the same all over the country and it will be 75 per cent above what is shown on the taxi-meter (the meters have not been brought up to date for the last 18 months.) Sherut taxis plying lines 4 and 5 in Tel Aviv will go up by about 18 per cent too.

Maternity grant raised to IL490

THE MATERNITY grant will be increased to IL490 (from IL380) as of April 1, the National Insurance Institute announced yesterday. If it's twins, the grant will be IL2,450 instead of IL1,900. The new mother receives the grant before she leaves the hospital.

The Institute will henceforth pay the hospital where the birth took place IL1,400, instead of the present IL875. The supplementary payment of IL405, which has been paid by the Treasury, will now be abolished.

Shavit attacks higher health contributions

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
TEL AVIV. — The President of the Manufacturers Association, Avraham Shavit, yesterday called on the Knesset to reject the Government-sponsored bill to raise employers' contribution to health insurance schemes to compensate for a cut in government allocations.

Commenting on Sunday's Cabinet decision to increase Mas Makhbil (the employers' contribution to health insurance premiums) by 0.7 per cent, Shavit told The Jerusalem Post: "We would prefer to increase workers' wages and let men pay their own health insurance. The workers think that the wages they get is our total outlay. They should see how much we really pay. The public thinks the Government is wonderful for cutting its expenses. But what kind of a cut is this? We're being forced to pay for it."

National insurance is an important social mechanism, Shavit said. But if it becomes another method for increasing taxation "We'll fight it like we fight excessive taxation."

Masada spectacle to be shown again

OVER 2,000 recent immigrants are expected at Masada today to view a spectacle in light and sound depicting the story of the heroism at the Dead Sea stronghold, produced by the Government Information Centre.

The spectacle was first presented three years ago, in conjunction with the celebration of Israel's 25th Independence Day. In response to requests from the public, the show will be put on again this Independence Day, and henceforth once a year.

During Pessah week an English version of the spectacle will be presented for tourists.

Abducted child 'somewhere in Israel' with mother

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two-year-old Yuval Ginzberg, who was abducted by his mother, Eva, early this month, is alive and well and living with her somewhere in Israel, according to her lawyer, Moshe Gottsman.

Until the lawyer Moshe Gottsman received a letter from Mrs. Ginzberg, there had been rumours that mother and son were abroad, smuggled overseas by missionaries or gangsters. The police and private investigators hired by the boy's father, Aharon Ginzberg, have not been able to find her.

Yuval had been living at his father's Bat Yam flat. He was

taken, presumably by his mother, by two men allegedly hired by Boaz Rabin, a friend of Mrs. Ginzberg. Rabin and the two men allegedly hired, Aharon and Yisroel Sigmans, were arrested and later released on bail.

When abducted, Yuval had been living at his father's house, since January 21 as a result of a decision by the rabbinical court. Previously he had lived with his mother, following a district court decision in September 1975.

The reversal of the district court decision by the rabbinical court was due to a divorce agreement signed by the parents and presented to the rabbinate. In the agreement, which Gottsman believes was forced from Mrs. Ginzberg, she agreed that the child would remain in the custody of the father and that she would forgo all property and money in favour of her husband.

Gottsman has petitioned the rabbinical court to reverse the decision. A hearing is scheduled in July.

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Argentine police chief slain by hooded men

BUENOS AIRES. — A senior Argentine police officer was shot dead by hooded men yesterday morning, only a few hours before General Jorge Videla was due to be sworn in as the country's new President.

Inspector Guillermo Ernesto Pavon, chief inspector of the federal police, was gunned down by three men as he left his home in a chauffeur-driven car.

Police said Pavon and his police chauffeur were riddled with bullets as they left his home in a north-western suburb. Their car was blocked by a pick-up truck from which the assassins unleashed a hail of fire and then drove off.

Inspector Pavon died immediately and his chauffeur was taken to hospital with eight bullet wounds.

At least 20 people have been killed in Argentina since the military overthrew President Maria Estela Peron in a virtually bloodless coup d'etat last Wednesday.

Only two of these died as a direct result of the military takeover. The remainder were victims of the killings by both the left and right wings which brought more than 1,000 deaths during Senora Peron's 21-month rule.

The suppression of political violence, and particularly of Argentina's powerful left-wing guerrilla groups, is considered one of the chief tasks of the military government, which has promised to carry out a national reorganization.

One of the first acts of the three-man military junta has been to introduce the death penalty or indefinite imprisonment for attacks on the military or the police. (Reuters)

Soviets said gathering on Rumanian border

WASHINGTON. — The Soviets and their Cuban allies "are preparing possible new political or military moves in East Europe, Africa and elsewhere in the belief that the U.S. will do nothing to counter them," "Aviation Week and Space Technology" said yesterday.

"The Soviet military build-up along the borders of a recalcitrant Communist Rumania, which has refused to bow to Moscow's bidding over the past several years, has been under way since January," the weekly said.

"Some U.S. officials fear the Russians may move against that country to install a 'safe' satellite government convinced that the U.S. will do nothing."

The magazine said that State Department counselor Helmut Sonnenfeldt briefed U.S. ambassadors in Europe last December at a London meeting that "continued lack of full Soviet hegemony over East Europe represents the greatest threat to world peace."

On Africa, the magazine said, Russian-equipped Cuban troops who fought for Communist-backed forces in Angola, "are being realigned along the borders of white-minority governed Rhodesia." It said the White House and State Department do not want to back the minority government in Rhodesia "but fear the Soviet-supported expansion may spread throughout southern Africa unless checked."

"How to block such steps in the face of a reluctant Congress which refused to commit funding for anti-Soviet forces in Angola, is a major question," the magazine said.

The National Security Council "has considered a naval blockade of Cuba to throttle its economic activity should that country continue its military intervention in Africa or elsewhere," "Aviation Week" said. (UPI)

Brezhnev, Kosygin keep away from Bulgaria meet

WASHINGTON. — Soviet Party leader Leonid Brezhnev has failed to come to Sofia for the Bulgarian Communist Party Congress and the Kremlin has instead sent a delegation which has no senior Politburo member, the "Washington Post" said yesterday.

Brezhnev's absence despite the fact that Bulgarian diplomats have asserted that he would attend the Congress, which opened yesterday, has prompted speculations about his health. But diplomatic sources were even more puzzled by the fact that Premier Alexei Kosygin or President Nikolai Podgorny found it impossible to come here.

Two other ranking Brezhnev associates, Politburo members Andrei Kirilenko and Mikhail Suslov, also apparently had pressing business at home. Instead, the relatively low level Soviet delegation is led by Fyodor Kulakov, a junior Politburo member.

The absence of the ranking Soviet officials is especially puzzling since Bulgaria is Moscow's staunch ally in the Soviet bloc. Brezhnev had personally attended two previous Bulgarian party congresses. During the past 12 months, he attended similar party gatherings in Hungary and Poland. Kosygin attended the Rumanian party congress.

Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov opened the Congress yesterday with a speech in which he echoed Soviet foreign policy, and took a mild swipe at the Italian and French Communist parties for their challenge to Moscow earlier this year.



INSTRUCTION NOTICE

The National Recruiting Office now handling the examination of persons exempt from defence service will close in April 1976, and in its place an Exemptions Section will be set up at the Tel Hashomer District Recruiting Office.

Men born between April 1, 1924, and December 31, 1958, who hold exemption certificates issued before October 2, 1974, and who have not registered for repeat examinations are required to report to the Tel Hashomer District Recruiting Office, from April 1, 1976, in order to confirm their standing under the Defence Service Law.

Men in the above category who have received an order to report to the National Recruiting Office, and who have received no other order will report on the date given in the order at the Tel Hashomer District Recruiting Office, Section for Repeat Examinations.

Persons who, for medical reasons, are unable to go to the Recruiting Office, may send a representative (who should bring an authorization empowering him to act on behalf of the person concerned), or they may write by registered post to the Tel Hashomer District Recruiting Office, Section for Repeat Examinations, Army Post 1576, Zahal. They should attach medical certificates attesting that they cannot come personally to the Recruiting Office.

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Security guards search visitors to the Ideal Home Exhibition at London's Olympia yesterday, after Saturday's bomb explosion which injured over 80 people. (UPI telephoto)

Spanish opposition in anti-regime alliance

MADRID. — The leaders of Spain's illegal opposition called a news conference yesterday to present the terms of their newly formed anti-regime alliance.

The presentation was made at a downtown law office. Photocopy invitations said leaders of the 13 political parties and labour unions involved — including Communists, Socialists and Christian Democrats — were attending.

Government sources said that due to a large number of marxists involved in the alliance — named Democratic Coordination officials considered it and its agreement subversive.

The opposition unity accord was reached last Friday after several days of non-stop negotiations between the groups involved, most of which were previously in two confederations — the Communist-dominated Democratic Junta and the socialist-dominated Democratic Platform.

Political sources said the parties involved condemned the caucus reform program of King Juan Carlos' first government. The cabinet has already sent several Bills to the Cortes (parliament) that would liberalize the current restrictions on political meetings, associations and demonstrations. (UPI, AP)

Ford: Saw 'no evidence' Nixon was drinking heavily

WASHINGTON. — President Gerald Ford said Saturday he saw no evidence in the last days of Richard Nixon's presidency that Nixon was drinking heavily, and he saw no "incident or... attitude where he thought he might do something that would endanger the U.S.," the "Washington Post" reported yesterday.

Ford spoke in California in response to reports that Nixon was drinking so heavily and behaving so erratically that his family and his close associates feared for his state of mind.

Those reports are contained in a new book, "The Final Days," by "Washington Post" reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein.

At the airport in Fresno, Ford was asked about reports that Nixon's aides feared he might

commit suicide in the days before his resignation August 9, 1974.

"I haven't read the book, but in those last few days my personal experience is that I saw no evidence of it," Ford replied.

Earlier in the day, in Los Angeles he told a television interviewer: "I never saw an instance where he was in danger of his own life (sic), nor did I ever see any incident or any attitude where I thought he might do something that would endanger the country. Those are personal observations and I can only comment in that regard."

Ford was not asked about, and did not comment on, a report in the book that Nixon was unhappy about naming him as Vice-President, and sent back a pen with the angry message: "Here's the damn pen I signed Jerry Ford's nomination with."

Callaghan, Foot neck and neck

LONDON. — Polls indicated yesterday that Foreign Secretary James Callaghan, 64, a centrist, and Employment Secretary Michael Foot, 62, an outspoken leftist, are running neck-and-neck. The second round of balloting to determine the new Labour Party leader and British Prime Minister, takes place today.

Callaghan is favoured to win, but probably only on a third ballot, set for April 5.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey, 58, another middle-liner and third man still in the contest for Prime Minister Harold Wilson's crown, generally was rated a poor also-ran, almost certain to be knocked out in today's ballot.

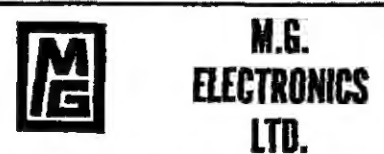
Polling of voting intentions by British newspapers showed that in the second ballot Callaghan would get 130 to 145 votes, Foot 130 to 177, and Healey 40 to 50.

This would give none of them the 51 per cent necessary to win. But it was almost universally agreed that in the final run-off, most of the Healey votes would be switched to Callaghan, making him Labour Party leader and next British Prime Minister.

Wilson triggered the leadership struggle by a surprise announcement on March 16 that he was quitting after more than seven years as Prime Minister and 13 years as leader of a Labour Party torn by constant feuds between its left and right wings.

Wilson meanwhile pledged that the next prime minister would display the same attitude towards Israel and the Middle East which had been shown during his own period as Prime Minister.

Addressing a lunch given by the Tel Aviv University Trust yesterday, Wilson was speaking only two days after angry exchanges between the Israeli embassy and the Foreign Office over Britain's support for last Thursday's anti-Israel resolution at the UN Security Council. (UPI, JTA)



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WAR, COMPROMISE — OR RETIREMENT Smith's three choices

By COLIN LEGUM

LONDON. — With the breakdown of talks between Premier Ian Smith and "moderate" black nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo, Rhodesia's 200,000 white minority have been left isolated and dangerously exposed by the failure of their 11-year effort to struggle to maintain their rule permanently. They are now virtually friendless in a black continent fully committed to supporting the country's black guerrilla army pressing in from neighbouring Mozambique. White Rhodesians can be expected to engage in an anxious post-mortem into the policies of Smith, who has been their hero as the leader of the all-white Rhodesian Front since 1965.

The whites have now been given a last chance by the British Government to accept majority rule or to face what Foreign Secretary James Callaghan last week called "the path of death and destruction." Callaghan in effect urged them to dump Smith unless he accepts the British plan for elections for majority rule within the next two years. In return, Callaghan offered Britain's help towards ensuring a place for the whites in a black-ruled Rhodesia.

Smith now faces the first really serious threat from within his own white ranks since the day he proclaimed his rebellion against the British Crown vowing two things: that power will be kept for all time in "civilised hands," and that Britain would never again be allowed to "interfere" in the affairs of its former colony.

The threat to his leadership comes from two opposite quarters. To his right are those who want to continue the "struggle for survival" at all costs, even if as one of their leaders, William Harper, (like Smith a former Royal Air Force officer) recently said — it means that "we would have to go down fighting." Better that, he said defiantly, than going out "with our tail between our legs." To Smith's left are those who for years past have believed that the only hope for the country lies in a sensible compromise which would acknowledge the inevitability of majority rule by the country's six million blacks.

Smith has in the past tried to steer a path between these two poles; but now he will have to come down on one side or the other — unless he decides to throw in his hand altogether and to retire to his farm in South Africa. This latter possibility cannot be ruled out. He has, after all, been leader for a long time — and nobody likes a tired and defeated leader, especially at as critical a time as the Rhodesians now face.

RETREAT FROM THE SCENE

Having tried to compromise with the last black nationalist leader still willing to negotiate with him, Joshua Nkomo, and having failed, there is now no real way for Smith to put himself at the head of the "peace party." Either he must join the "war party" — or retreat from the scene.

However, Smith is not likely to make up his mind about his future immediately. The problem he must now face is that he has not only burnt his boats with Rhodesia's black nationalists; he has also lost credibility with the two countries which could have helped him — South Africa and Britain.

His quarrel with South Africa's Prime Minister John Vorster is now a bitter one. Vorster blames him largely, though not entirely, for wrecking the last chance offered him to achieve a transition of power through peaceful negotiations. The South African leader, however, said this chance had been opened up by his initiative in getting talks started with the African Presidents of Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique and Botswana in October, 1974.

But Smith has proved to be a difficult — indeed an unwilling — partner for Vorster in developing this initiative. A few months ago, he went so far as to

blurt out in a television interview that it was Vorster's interference that had prevented a possible agreement just when Smith had it in his sights. Vorster forced him into a public apology; but he has never fully forgiven him.

For Vorster, the failure of the attempt to get peaceful settlement in Rhodesia is not just a setback for white Rhodesians; it was vital to his plan for a détente with black Africa which, he believed, could have bought the time needed by South Africa to get its own apartheid house in order, and to renege the final onslaught by independent Africa on his own Republic.

Now his policy lies in ruins, bringing serious dangers for South Africa — and for Vorster's own political survival.

Smith has for some time tried to contribute towards Vorster's defeat, believing that he would be replaced by a more right-wing white government which would be willing to fight inside Rhodesia against the common "challenge of Communism." But such a prospect does not seem likely in the short time that Smith still has to find a way out of his current defeat.

Not surprisingly, therefore, Smith has decided to adopt a new policy. Instead of looking to South Africa for support as he has done for the past 10 years, he is now looking to Britain — the country's sword would never be allowed to "meddle" again in Rhodesia's affairs.

BEAT GUERRILLA CHALLENGE

By appearing now to be willing to abandon rebellion — the unilateral declaration of independence (UDI) — he hopes to produce a political climate in Britain that will force the Labour Government to agree to come to his assistance — with military and economic support — to beat back the guerrilla challenge.

But the British Labour Government, already twice let down by Smith after getting close to an agreement about ways of solving the problem, shows a willingness to rise to the Rhodesian leader's bait. Before they make any move, they want a public statement saying that he accepts the principle of majority rule and the return to legality.

Since Smith has refused to say either of the things to the black nationalist leaders, Britain is at all sanguine about the prospects of his saying it now. "Anyway," a top British official said, "Smith is willing to say to us that he will give a UDI, why does he not say it to Joshua Nkomo?"

The truth is that nothing Smith says is any longer believed in London. What is wanted are deeds, not ambiguous words.

However, Smith might be hoping to divide British public opinion by getting the Conservative Opposition to take up his appeal that Britain should "reassume its responsibilities for Rhodesia." Smith apparently believes that if he can only manage to hang on in enough, there is likely to be a change of government in Britain before the end of the year — and it would mean a change of policy.

But Smith has not got the time to play long-term strategic games. His time has run out.

Between now and next November — when it is heavy rains begin to fall in Rhodesia and the guerrilla fighting difficult — the challenging Zulu-based Liberation Army plans to have put such powerful force into the field (backed with modern weapons) that white Rhodesian morale will be collapsed, long before their army has been defeated.

This is what happened with Portuguese colonial rule in Africa in March, 1974. It was not the defeat of the Portuguese Army that brought about the end of Portuguese colonialism; it was the erosion of Portuguese morale in Africa and at home. It is a very likely event which will happen also in Rhodesia — irrespective of whether Smith stays or goes. (JTA)

U.K. should invade Rhodesia — Kaunda

U.S. — Zambia, President Kenneth Kaunda yesterday said that British military intervention in Rhodesia was the best solution for the crisis in the rebel colony.

The President told foreign correspondents at a State House working breakfast that "genuine intervention by the British is the best thing. It would save life and bring the war to a quicker end."

The President said after his military intervention, Britain should dissolve the Rhodesian Parliament and arrest members of the white government. (Reuters)

CAIRO PERMITS PARTY FACTIONS

CAIRO. — Prime Minister Muzamil al-Asu to represent the right of the centre and the left. The creation of the groups represents the first step towards a return to the multi-party system abolished some 24 years ago, observers in creation of three groupings within said. (Reuters)

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OUR FINANCES may be in poor shape, but we seem to be getting richer by the day at least as far as cultural "festivals" are concerned.

The latest is "Spring in Jerusalem" which opens on Thursday (coinciding quite accidentally with April Fool's Day). It is the Jerusalem Theatre's "baby" and its godparents are the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Ministry of Municipality, who are subsidizing 20 per cent of the estimated 11.5m. cost of the five week festival.

The programme, spread between the Jerusalem Theatre, the Khan and Binyamin Hachama includes concerts, recitals, theatrical productions and ballet by both Israeli and foreign companies, similar in format to that of the annual summer Israel Festival. At first glance, the schedule of events looks impressive and varied, with the reservation that by no means all the productions are "exclusive" to the festival. The Haifa Theatre's production of "Kroom", Habima's "Mother Courage" and the programmes of the Bat Sheva and Bat Dor Companies (apart from one new work) have all been seen already all over the country. The French artist Jean-Pierre Rappal will also have given several other recitals before he appears in Jerusalem later in the month. The explanation given by the organisers is that part of the events included in the festival are ones within Jerusalem's normal monthly cultural schedule with the addition of productions which will be shown for the first time.

These include the opening "That Funny Old Man," first produced in London three years ago by Israeli director Motty Sandak. This is a one-man play starring veteran British actor Lee Fox and, according to enthusiastic reviews from the British press, a very fine exercise in character acting. There is the French Theatre de la Huchette presenting Ionesco's theatre of the absurd with two one-act plays: La Leçon and La Cantatrice Chauve. The plays have been in the theatre's repertoire for 18 years with an estimated 5,000 performances — something like Pina's answer to London's record-breaking "The Mousetrap." Another foreign theatre company is the Italian "Pocket Theatre" from Bergamo, presenting "L'Amor Comenza" (The Start of Love) which is a collection of scenes in drama, music and dance, based on Italian medieval and Renaissance sources.

An Israeli premiere within the framework of the festival is the new

Festival of the arts opens in Jerusalem this week

Actors and musicians from abroad will be appearing with Israeli artists in the 'Spring in Jerusalem' festival. Among the events will be street performances in parts of the city. "We want the festival to contribute something to the life of the city and its residents at all levels, and not only to the elite who can afford tickets," one of the organizers told Catherine Rosenheimer.



Members of the Italian "Pocket Theatre" will present music, drama and dance based on medieval and Renaissance sources.



British actor Lee Fox appears in a one-man play. The performance has been widely praised.

Elmot's first production in its framework of a public theatre, "Travels of Benjamin III" by Mendele Mocher Sfarim, a play with music and songs by Naomi Shemer. On the musical side, serious and not-so, the programme includes an Independence Eve "special concert" with Danny Kaye conducting the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in his own unique and hilarious way; Victoria de Los Angeles will appear with the J.S.O. in a Ravel programme conducted by Alexander Schneider; the New London Consort are presenting a concert of ancient and modern music; there will be a recital by Pina Salzman and Uri Wiesel, a concert by the German National Youth Symphony Orchestra and many others by leading local ensembles, quartets and orchestras.

WHY ANOTHER festival? The forerunner was "Spring at the Jerusalem Theatre" last year featuring Valery and Galina Pankov,

the Royal Shakespeare Company, conductor Arthur Schnitzler and the Vienna Klemencic chamber orchestra. The timing happened to coincide with the Savoy Hotel terrorist incident which caused some cancellations, amongst them those of Memphis Slim and Vienna's Burghtheater. Nonetheless the venture was successful.

As Jerusalem Theatre General Manager Avital Mossinson puts it: "Failures are orphans. But successes have many parents. After last year's experience, the City of Jerusalem stated that they were willing to give official backing to an annual Spring Festival season. Ticket sales for last year's Spring programme — half were sold rapidly outside Jerusalem — as well as gala evenings by Frank Sinatra and Richard Burton during the year proved that residents of Tel Aviv and other parts of the country are certainly prepared to travel to Jerusalem for special theatrical events. It was the first time exclusive performances had been put

on in Jerusalem, and the experiment justified itself. The timing is also good: during the Passover and Independence Day holidays, Jerusalem hotels are packed, but there has always been a problem in that the city had little to offer in the way of night-time attractions.

Since it opened three years ago, and for the foreseeable future, the Jerusalem Theatre is intended as a centre for performing arts rather than a performing theatre. "At least once a year we would like Jerusalem to become an Arts Centre," says Mossinson. He was amazed at the reaction on the part of artists and theatres whom he approached abroad regarding participation.

"Wherever I went, performers were terribly excited at the idea of appearing in Jerusalem; it was not a Jewish reaction by any means, an incredible reaction. Most were willing to perform for very little. The 'Ridiculous Theatre' of New York are prepared to come next year for free. Last year the Royal Shakespeare Company took one-

third of their normal fee. This time, Arthur Rubinstein, Victoria de Los Angeles, Danny Kaye, Alexander Schneider and mime artist Sammy Mocho are all performing gratis. We have virtually no foreign currency expenses — their fares and hotel accommodation are all paid in local currency."

There were only two refusals by foreign performers on political grounds. The "NO" Theatre of Japan replied that they were unable to appear in Israel. The Yugoslav Frula folkdance group were scheduled to appear but dropped out at the last minute. It seems that they failed on being published as an "international" group without mention of Yugoslavia. The Festival organisers were prepared for them to appear under their true national colours — or not at all.

Mossinson stresses that "We want the festival to contribute something to the life of the city and its residents on all levels, and not only to the elite who can afford tickets. There will be an average of two street performances every day at various points in the city, completely free for all passersby to watch. The Italian Pocket Theatre have a 40 minute "Intermezzo" clowning performance, in the vein of strolling minstrels. The Khan have prepared a special shortened version of "Servant of Two Masters" to be performed on a moving platform attached to a tractor, and set up at many focal points in the city, in the square of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City and within various residential areas. The Jerusalem Police and Youth Bands will perform in the streets. For the opening of the festival, starting at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon (April 1st) free invitations have been distributed. Inside the Jerusalem Theatre and in the square outside there will be bands, puppet shows, mime performances and scenes by the Khan Players."

An estimated 25 per cent of ticket sales will be to tourists; the festival pamphlet has been distributed at the airport, in Jerusalem hotels and to all tourists on El Al planes. The festival's eye-catching poster, depicting a blue-robed, red-headed King David emblem on a gold ground, currently adds a decorative note to billboards in Jerusalem and cities throughout the country. The lavish poster and other publicity material were made financially possible by the public-relations-conscious support of the King David Hotel.

"Spring in Jerusalem" sounds as though it has plenty to offer for all cultural tastes.



A gala premiere of the new Lisa Minelli musical-comedy, "Lucky Lady," will be held at the Tel Aviv Cinema, on April 1 with proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund for Wounded Soldiers. The "Lucky Lady" herself is seen above flanked by film co-stars Bart Reynolds, left, and Gene Hackman.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS / JOANNA YEHIEL Clearing the mailbox

INSTEAD OF sticking to one subject, I thought this week I'd get rid of the notes that have been filling my mailbox for the past few weeks.

Moisturisers seem to have interested more readers than any other piece in this column, and I have had a lot of letters both from people using Vaseline for the first time, and from women who have "always been using it" and were surprised that I should even need to mention it as a possible beauty item.

Alisa Adiv, of Jerusalem, wrote to suggest using "the biggest secret in moisturising — glycerine." The right way to use it, she says, is to rub small quantities on your (still moist) body after a shower. It doesn't get absorbed so well unless the skin is still damp. You don't need much, just a few drops with each rub-in. Some people mix lemon juice with the glycerine, but she herself is too lazy, Ms. Adiv says. And she specially recommends that you use it when pregnant, to prevent stretch marks.

Judie Oran gave me her pet moisturizer recipe, which her local chemist, in Ramat Eshkol makes up for her. Labeled "Euceria w/aqua," it is a simple emulsifying base mixed with rose water, completely non-greasy. It costs IL26 for 200 grams, an enormous amount. Quite a few chemists, if you catch the staff at the right moment, are prepared to make up a recipe like this, if you talk your skin problems over with them, and you can be sure that they will be free of allergy-causing ingredients like the cheap perfumes which saturate "many skin foods; and according to my cosmetician, are usually the cause of skin allergies.

Another reader asked me why in the piece on natural beauty aids, I said "keep face creams away from the eye area." This is perhaps the most sensitive area of the whole face, and, apart from the danger of getting some infection in the eye from splashing make-up or cream in by mistake, the whole skin area around the eye should be treated as a separate item (I won't use the word problem).

One of the better eye creams I have come across is made by Lon (which uses only natural ingredients for all its products, all prepared with Zohar spring water). In Lon's Desert Dew range, the eye cream costs IL24. If you really have eye wrinkle trouble, then the more expensive Desert Spring anti-wrinkle eye cream, costing IL37.50 may help.

The article on soap caught the eye



The ultimate in skin care — hiding her face (and all else) from the sun this summer is how Pierre Balmain sees the fashionable woman. (Agip)

of Mrs. Jeanne Weigall, and she wrote to tell me how she saves on this everyday (and increasingly expensive) item. She simply unwraps a fresh piece and puts it on the window sill to dry out... for a week, until it's quite hard. It lasts much longer this way, she says. It's worth a try!

I apologize to the Jerusalem reader who made up a bundle of old clothes and went down to Uncle Charlie's thrift shop in Shimon Hamalka, only to find it closed. The shop is still functioning, but it keeps strict hours (which are written on the door when the owner's not there) and I publish them for those of you who would like to sell or buy something on the cheap... It is open daily from 10 to 1 and from 4 to 7; on Fridays, from 10 to 2 only. The address is No.14 Shimon Hamalka, which is through a passageway between "Volkswagen" and "Galaxy" — and you look for a blue door.

McClure's farewell to McClureland

By MAURICE CARR / Special to THE JERUSALEM POST



Reporter Hal McClure interviews David Ben-Gurion

half-smiling, half-dismayed blue eyes, did some heavy thinking before he would speak to me: "Look, it's a reporter's job to collect news and not intrude himself into the news. That's what I told the girl from Cairo Radio who wanted to interview me when I visited Egypt in 1970. But I guess there's an exception to every rule. I love Israel and all the countries of the Middle East, and it's heartbreak to see them at war.

"The one and only war that ever seemed to me to make a high degree of sophistication, because it kept the damage to a minimum, was fought by Stone Age tribesmen in what was then Dutch New Guinea. Those pigmy-like men, who wear nothing much except upstanding penises, abate two feet long, met one morning to do battle. The two opposing hosts occupied hilltops within range of hurled stones and bows and arrows. After pelting and shooting at each other for something like an hour and a half — the duration of a football game, with not too many players getting hurt — they called it a day and went home to wait for the next dispute over a stolen woman or a fished pig. A pig is very important, and its fat is used like brilliantine on hair, giving off a wonderful high smell in the tropical heat. I was an onlooker.

"In World War II I participated — as a pilot in U.S. Transport Command. But it wasn't till after V-Day, when I flew into Germany and saw the remains of the concentration camps and interested myself in the War Crimes Trials, that I realized what terrible things human beings are capable of, and the incredible became credible.

"In 1948, soon after joining AP, I obtained a Reid Travelling Fellowship and took a year's leave of absence. Out of the \$5,000 grant, I bought a Volkswagen, packed my wife into it, crossed from Spain into Morocco — my favourite Arab country — and motored east through North Africa. In Algeria we ran into the war against French colonialism, got caught in crossfire, but escaped unhurt. On to Tunisia and finally Cairo, where we ran out of money.

"Having made a study of Arab nationalism, I was sent to a part of the world I knew nothing about — South East Asia — and experienced the Vietnam war at a time when American technicians were on their way in. I must confess it never occurred to me that the United States could get into a war and lose.

"I CAME to Israel" with a load of preconceptions. On the positive side, I was thrilled to think that I would set foot in places with names like Jerusalem, Jericho — Sunday school had its effect on me, even if I am not a churchgoer any more — and the real thing turned out to be much more impressive than I had imagined. On the other hand, though aware of the strength of the Israel Army, I had a notion that the majority of Israelis would be like some of the Jews I'd seen in Europe, in black caftans and with curled necks, or like the cave-dwelling Jews I'd come across in Libya and who'd settled in Israel in 1958. I was astounded at the sight of these blond burly sabras everywhere.

"The Six Day War left a blur in my memory. It was surreal. Even more surreal was the Yom Kippur War. It's the peaceful events I recall best. For instance, the visit of the Pope. And, oddly enough, most vivid of all, an episode in an Arab café in Jerusalem on the day the Israelis did something that seemed impossibly foolhardy at the time — the day they removed the barriers that had divided the Holy City, and the Arabs were allowed to pour into the Jewish quarters, where they stood gazing at the traffic lights, a great novelty, while the Jews streamed into the Arab area inside the old walls.

"I went into that café because it advertised something I hadn't eaten in years — a cheeseburger. And there sat a uniformed Israeli soldier talking to the Arab proprietor, who was complaining that King Hussein hadn't trusted the Palestinians with arms, hence the Jewish victory. To which the Israeli soldier responded: 'And suppose we give you what no Arab monarch or Arab dictator will ever give you — self-rule?' I'll never forget how the Arab café-owner stood there, open-mouthed.

"Israel's politicians, I believe, were mistaken not to follow up the idea of that Israeli soldier. Also, Israel might have done more for the refugees in the camps. True, those Palestinians became refugees because they were called out by the Arab States which wanted to clear the ground for their armies that invaded the new-born State of Israel in 1948. It is also true that the same Arab States have kept the refugees in wretched camps for purposes of psychological warfare. Still, in the eyes of the world, refugees are refugees. I got a sharp rebuff when I put this to Mrs. Golda Meir. Yes, I've interviewed her and Yitzhak Rabin and Yigal Allon and Abba Eban. Ben-Gurion, too.

"I get to be critical when I ask

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This matter has already been raised with you in a personal letter, signed by all those concerned. We hope that on this occasion we will be given a sympathetic hearing, and that a reasonable but fundamental solution will be found to our urgent problem.

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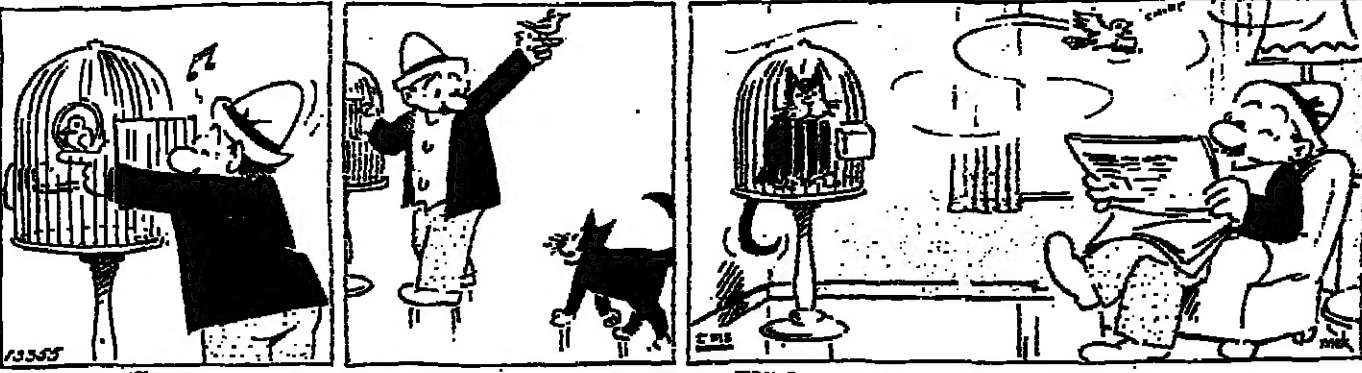
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Talking to Washington

ISRAEL'S RELATIONS with the U.S. have entered a period of strain and stress. Talk of a crisis, however, exaggerates the issue, as the chairman of the Presidents Conference, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, suggested on arrival here from New York.

True the cabinet on Sunday took a grim view of the U.S. criticism of Israeli policies on the West Bank and East Jerusalem voiced at the Security Council. "There was unanimity that the U.S. veto had only partially made up for the State Department's speech delivered by Mr. Scranton."

Dissatisfaction is not, however, confined to the Israeli side. In Washington, President Ford reportedly told a group of Senators that he resented Israeli criticism of U.S. policies — on the sale of Hercules planes to Egypt, and on the extent of aid to Israel itself — as a case of ingratitude. The President found it especially galling because he considered himself Israel's best friend. Whereupon he proposed to the Senators a cut in Israel's share of foreign aid for the transitional quarter between the current fiscal year and the next.

The sources of mutual disillusionment may perhaps be located in certain naive assumptions which the American and the Israeli sides hold about each other. Having persuaded Israel on so many past occasions to follow the U.S. lead, the Americans believe that the Israelis will, or at least should, always tag along without a show of protest and resistance.

On the other hand, Israel, having obtained the agreement of the Americans not to air private differences in public, treats such discretion as a matter of course, even when its breach — as in the Scranton speech — may serve U.S. interests in the Arab world.

A realistic foreign policy for Israel must be based on a sober balancing of goals and resources. With all its massive dependence on the U.S. for arms and finance, Israel is not so weak that it must accept the old-new American concept which upholds a return more or less to the 1967 borders. But neither is it so strong that it can afford to avoid a clear statement of its own irreducible demands for secure and peaceful frontiers.

This may not have been necessary if the U.S. had stuck to the step-by-step diplomacy, which seemingly allowed progress towards the goals of security and peace without a prior definition of the terms. But the U.S. has now reverted to the pursuit of an overall settlement, which may be reached in stages — agreements for an end-to-the-state-of-war could conceivably be such a stage — but must be defined in advance. This is the real message of Ambassador Scranton's address on the subject of Israeli occupation.

Israel therefore can no longer afford a policy of deciding not to decide about final borders because the U.S. — by stating its views — is compromising the very possibility of genuine negotiations. As a result of this U.S. shift we must move to decision-making and invite the U.S. to argue the decisions. A difference of opinion will inevitably result, but at least it will be about matters worth arguing. There is no point engaging the U.S. Israel's only ally, in an angry battle of words over an army camp near Nablus if, for example, the real issue is the integrity of Jerusalem.

Repairing El Al

LAST NOVEMBER 11, the Histadrut's executive committee set up a special five-man panel under the chairmanship of Histadrut treasurer Yisrael Kessar to examine the causes of recurrent labour unrest in El Al, and to offer recommendations.

The Kessar Committee laboured four and a half months, hearing testimony, going over records, and writing its suggestions for reform. These have now been submitted and it appears that the mountain has given birth to a mouse.

The chief recommendation is for a "roof committee" to represent all of El Al's 5,000 employees. The idea is perfectly sensible, and, if implemented, could help prevent the periodic paralysis of the company through the partisan action of small groups of key workers.

But such a "roof committee" was proposed by the Histadrut itself twice before, first in 1973, and also last November, at the very same time the Kessar Committee was appointed. The proposal won the approval of the Transport Ministry, and even the workers themselves. Only it has not been acted upon. There is little reason to believe that the endorsement of this fine old idea by a fine new committee will help push it through.

Which is another way of saying that El Al may now have reached a point of no repair. Certainly if another major strike breaks out in the company — and there are strong indications that the flight crews are planning such action to protect their huge salaries from erosion by the tax reform — there may be no remedy but to shut the company down, and rebuild it from the ground up with the aid of new personnel.

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HA'ARETZ (Independent) joins in the unanimous press condemnation of the heavy expulsion of the two West Bank doctors, Dr. Ahmed Etaiel Naitah of Hebron and Dr. Abdul-Asis Haj Ahmed of el-Bireh. "The timing and the manner of the expulsions create the impression that the purpose was not to punish the two men for incitement but to prevent them from presenting their candidature to the West Bank elections. It will certainly be hard to deny charges that the aim was to influence the outcome of the elections. This was a grave political error that will hamper the moderate elements."

In conclusion the paper says that "the report that the deportation was carried out with the approval of the Prime Minister does not detract from the importance of acceding to the demand of Justice Etzion that an investigation be conducted into this flouting of due process of law, but rather adds urgency to the matter, in light of recent reports of 'differences of emphasis' between the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister."

IN A part of the world where empathy for the other side is in desperately short supply, Mayor Teddy Kollek's view of the Arab disturbances over the Temple Mount is a rarity.

Unlike Government officials who have expressed themselves on the subject, he does not see dark forces maneuvering and being maneuvered amidst motivations ranging from sinister to simply "political." The fact that the situation deteriorated into riots, he believes, is primarily the fault of Jewish groups who raised the issue and of the Government which failed to cope with it at an early stage.

"These riots were not organized," he told this reporter in an interview. "They came spontaneously. They were staged by young people with strong feelings about the Temple Mount and their holy places." Exploitation of the riots came afterwards, he says.

The declaration by Magistrate Ruth Or two months ago that Jews had the right to pray on the Temple Mount is seen by Kollek as the basic reason for the disorders. "The Arabs suspected that such a judgement could not have been made without her receiving political instructions — this is what happens in Arab countries."

In addition, he said, there is a deep suspicion on the part of the Arabs that Israel is attempting to infringe on places holy to them by "salami tactics." Central to this suspicion, says Kollek, is the decision last August by the Cabinet — at Defence Minister Shimon Peres' recommendation — to change the status quo concerning the Tomb of the Patriarchs (The Machpela) in Hebron. The status quo had been arrived at in 1987 by Peres' predecessor, Moshe Dayan, and Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari.

Although last year's change, expanding Jewish prayer rights, may not have been substantive in itself, says Kollek, the Government was unilaterally changing the only signed agreement that existed between

Seeing the Arab point of view



(Jerusalem Sun)

Muslims and Jews over a holy place common to both of them. "These changes had a direct effect on what happened here. They (the Arabs) felt that nothing is fixed, that we're always trying to take a little more from them."

At the time of the Machpela decision, Kollek wrote Peres a letter warning that it had potential implications in Jerusalem, particularly on the Temple Mount. The Arabs were concerned over Israeli intentions on the Mount, he said, and their suspicions had not been calmed by the Al Aksa fire (set by a lunatic Christian tourist from Australia but blamed by the Arabs on "Zionists") or the archaeological digs adjacent to the Mount which they feared might undermine the mosque. In his letter, Kollek noted that stability had been achieved in relations with the Christian churches in Jerusalem by a status quo agreement which has been honoured by four different sovereigns in the city in the past 60 years. Similar stability, said Kollek, should be aimed for with the Muslims.

A status quo of sorts had been achieved on the Temple Mount in 1967 when the Israeli authorities appropriated the keys to the Mughrabi Gate to ensure free access by non-Muslims to the Mount but only at

times when it did not conflict with Muslim prayer. Though this arrangement did not have the agreement of the Moslem authorities, it was one they could live with. Judge Or's decision, however, seemed to open the way not only to Jewish access but to Jewish prayer.

The day of the decision, said Kollek, he called several key figures in the Justice Ministry urging them to come out with a strong statement to the effect that the ruling had no basis in law and would be appealed. When he contacted them after several days had passed, he was told that an appeal "was being considered." It took two weeks before the decision to appeal was revealed — in a manner so circumspect as to go unnoticed by many — and two months before it was scheduled for a hearing in District Court. (A Justice Ministry official told a reporter who asked why a request had not been made for early scheduling of the hearing that no special reason had been seen for making such a request.)

Although Police Minister Shlomo Hillel did announce shortly after the Or decision that police would continue to bar Jewish prayer in order to preserve the peace — a stand upheld by the High Court of Justice in 1970 — Kollek believes this was insufficient. "Hillel was all right but

Jerusalem's Mayor, Teddy Kollek, talks about the causes of the recent unrest on the West Bank, and what he thinks should be done to restore calm. If Kollek had his way, the Knesset would be asked to pass a law compelling Arab rights in East Jerusalem, writes Abraham Rabinovich.

the Arab public was not looking for a police statement but for policy."

In part, he believes, the lack of a strong Government reaction was due to a fear — conscious or subconscious — of a counter-reaction from the Israeli right and a subsequent inclination to let things take their natural course, without anyone sticking their neck out. In addition, he feels, the "people on top" did not really grasp the seriousness of the case.

"They thought this is only a magistrate's decision. They didn't understand its explosive nature or how it would be exploited."

The problem, says Kollek, the outspoken mayor, is that Government officials are too far removed from the public, particularly the Arab public, to feel its pulse. "These Government officials who feel they know what is happening better than us are just inflated nincompoops."

If the Government had done what he suggested, says Kollek, the disturbances might not have occurred at all. "This is not to say there aren't lots of underlying causes. But when you go on a plane you're asked to extinguish your cigarettes. You don't carry a flame next to a tank full of benzene. I've always said it would

take generations to solve the problem of Jerusalem. I had thought we wouldn't have pyromaniacs around. With them around — a reference to those Jews attempting to pray on the Temple Mount! It's going to take longer."

What can be done now to restore a sense of tranquility to Jerusalem?

If Kollek had his way, the Knesset would be asked to pass legislation spelling out Arab rights in East Jerusalem, rights which are freely bequeathed today but which have no status in law. This would include the right to travel freely across the Jordan River bridges and return, the right to receive visitors from Arab countries officially classified as hostile states, equal status for the Arab language ("We in the Municipality write to Arab residents in Arabic but Government ministries use bureaucratic Hebrew nobody could understand") an educational curriculum modelled after the Jordanian which permits East Jerusalem youngsters to go on to universities in the Arab world, and Moslem administration over the Temple Mount. All these items, says Kollek, including the last, are accepted by virtually all Israelis. By fixing them in law, he feels, Arab uncertainties — "This feeling that even what they have they don't have for certain" — would be mitigated.

"This is the basic thing you have to do. This would be a policy. Without it, the interpretation will be that we're waiting to negotiate on Jerusalem," Kollek, however, is highly skeptical about the ability of the present Government to take decisive action, in this or other fields.

Kollek acknowledged that no Arab leader has asked for such legislation nor indicated that Arab attitudes would be affected in any way if it was forthcoming. They are afraid he feels, of what would happen to them if East Jerusalem ever returned to Arab control and they were accused of collaboration. "The Arab leaders are intimidated," he says. "But the only ones who are supposed to behave sensibly are us."

READERS' LETTERS

PEACE PROSPECTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Prof. Saul Sigelschiffer sums up the Safran articles admirably (March 19). The Brookings Plan might be fine if it could be stretched over a generation or two during which the wolf would demonstrably turn into a lamb.

According to Prof. Safran, the other side is mellowing while we use clichés and play intellectual tricks with "three pin strips of territory." Why didn't Safran ask the Arabs: "Look, you attacked Israel repeatedly, trying to annihilate the Jewish State and People in their homeland. You say you are ready for a settlement? You possess vast resources and territories. Why not let Israel have those three thin strips which it feels are essential for its slim margin of security? Drop your clichés of total withdrawal and recovery of every inch and grain of sand. Don't you see that as long as you so intransigently insist on pushing Israel to the vulnerable armistice lines, the Israelis cannot trust your ultimate intentions?"

Why did Prof. Safran not ask the Arabs at least why they do not recognize Jewish nationhood and the Jews' legitimate rights in their ancient homeland? They would thus win Israel's trust overnight and open the gates for peace. Why don't they do that?

ELIEZER KREINDLER
Haifa.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Thanks to Joanna Yehiel for her perceptive article (March 15) pointing out the passive and inferior roles assigned to little girls in Israeli children's books.

As a recent American immigrant to Israel, I have been surprised to find that Israelis — both men and women — do hold a very stereotyped view of a woman's role. In spite of the fact that a relatively high percentage of women work outside the home, they rarely rise to higher level positions in government and industry.

"Poor Ariella" is not only doomed to build that wall, but to hold down a full-time low-paying job while also bearing the full burden of cooking, cleaning and children, since this is seen as her "natural" role.

BEER HARTMAN
Ramat Aviv.

JEWISH STUDIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — There is a falseness to the satisfaction to be derived from your report about the 15 million dollar Centre for Jewish Studies at Harvard. It reminds me of the Professor of Jewish Studies at another university in the U.S. who complained that a member of his community had given a million dollars to the UJA but not one cent to his department. In this moment of danger to Israel and the Jewish people, is it time to endow chairs of Judaica in the Diaspora? Is Judaism and Jewish nationalism to survive on the basis of academic study of Jewish literature in the universities? So that more Israelis will have more excuses to leave Israel to go and study Judaism abroad? So that more American Jews will have more reason to remain in exile where, after all, Jewish culture thrives?

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PIPE DREAMS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With all due respect to Mr. Dov Ben-Meir ("Need for vision" March 12) may I ask whether he is not confusing by any chance vision with pipe dreams?

Not to mention other more esoteric problems, what does he suggest to use for money or rather instead of it? At a time when we don't have enough for school lunches, he is dreaming about a "Special Jewish University." At a time when we don't have enough housing for young couples — or old ones — he is building "Sha'ar Ha'aliya." And 150 new settlements in the Negev? With what are we going to build them instead of money? And who is going to settle there? The thousands of yordim who left the country?

Would it not be better to try to cut down on the strikes first? Or start doing something — beside lip service — about "an honest day's work for an honest day's pay"? Or fewer protection rackets?

I'm all for visions, but for the practical kind like Moshe Dayan used to have, such as the open bridges for example, for which we have the ways and the means. Visions yes — Pipe dreams no.

ERWIN FUCHS
Ramat Eyal.

YANKEE, GO HOME!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — "Go back to where you came from." Why did you ever leave Canada? "Dirty American." So are some of the remarks my child has heard in school since being in Israel. In the United States the remark was "dirty Jew."

Not only are people not educated to the problems of new immigrants, but there seems to be an entrenched insensitivity to them. I have often wondered why teachers especially are not sensitive to the problems of children from different lands and why they do not teach Israeli children how to welcome newcomers instead of sending them home with feelings of hate towards their peers and dreams of returning to the country where they were accepted. I have rarely heard of such reaching out on the part of teachers.

G.L.M.
(Name and address supplied.)
Jerusalem.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — After reading Haim Shapiro's article of March 17 on a Haifa restaurant, I wonder how well he knows Haifa. Admittedly, some years back there were dozens of good restaurants in Haifa and today there are less. To mention a few, there are two good fish restaurants in Bat Galim, one in the former German Colony, at least three Chinese restaurants which enjoy great popularity, one luxury restaurant downtown, several passable places on Mount Carmel, and last but not least, THE BALFOUR CELLAR.

Haifa.
Haim Shapiro promises to come. Ed. J.P.

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POSTSCRIPTS

JERUSALEM JOURNALISTS have long been complaining that they are discriminated against. The Government Press Office, which is based in Tel Aviv, notified "Tel Aviv-based correspondents" on Sunday that they could find pictures and details of the new Kfir fighter jet in their Press boxes at 4 p.m. that day — but Jerusalem correspondents would have to wait until the following morning for the same information.

THE NEHRU DYNASTY is growing as Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's younger son, 29 year old Sanjay, begins to make an impact on India's political scene.

Fair-skinned, with mod sideburns but always immaculately dressed in national garb, Sanjay draws large crowds wherever he speaks. He is cool and unemotional and does not display the proverbial Nehru temper, says a Gemini report. He subscribes to no ideology — "If anything benefits India," he has said, "I am for it, be it left or right. Sanjay is a product of Indian independence and like other young men of his generation dislikes "the sugar-coated hypocrisy that goes under the name of ideology."

With a Brahmin mother, a Parsi father and a Sikh wife (who was chosen Beauty Queen of Delhi University), he has none of the traditional caste prejudices. Some people in the Congress Party, of which his great-grandfather Motilal Nehru, his grandfather Jawaharlal and his mother were presidents, think that Sanjay Gandhi is "the future of India."

The accompanying photograph, taken almost 20 years ago shows three generations of the Nehru family, with Sanjay on the extreme right.

"the future of India."

Perhaps some of our equally young Knesset Members would be able to find a common language with him.



(Camera Press)

TWO BENGAL tiger-cubs for a male baby hippo in the going rate of exchange between the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo and the Tel Aviv Zoo. The Jerusalem and Tel Aviv Zoos have instituted a novel barter system as a means of saving foreign currency in acquiring new livestock. A Bengal tiger costs \$1,000, a young hippo \$2,000 and a giraffe \$3,000.

One of the tiger-cubs, reared at home by Prof. Aaron Shulov, Director of the Jerusalem Zoo, was neglected by its mother, has gone to Tel Aviv because a male hippo has been born there. The idea is to have the bulky newcomers join the disconsolate female in the capital. Ms Hippo, who is six years of age and occupies a pond of her own near the couple of young elephants, Eliezer and Hannah, has long sought a mate. Now at last marital bliss is in sight, although the bride will be much older than her pudgy groom.

The other Bengal tiger-cub is being reared to complete the barter transaction.

The arrangement has worked well. The Jerusalem Zoo has become a nursery for Bengal tigers and there are now third- and fourth-generation

sabaras. The Biblical Zoo has accumulated sufficient "jungle currency" to swap for other animals.

The two Jerusalem giraffes Tamar and her male offspring Adi will shortly have a companion from Tel Aviv too, sex still unknown. The price: three Bengal tigers.

A FRIEND of ours parked his car outside the Jerusalem Theatre at night, locked it and went in to enjoy a concert. At the end of the programme, he went to his car and found that it had been broken into. To his relief, his radio and a valuable book were still there, but an old umbrella and a sealed, stamped letter, addressed to his mother-in-law were gone.

Anxious that she should not be worried at not receiving the letter, he wrote his mother-in-law a second letter, explaining the delay.

To his amazement, his mother-in-law wrote by return mail that she had received both letters.

"Israelis are such fine people," she wrote. "Even the thieves among them are honest!"



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